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FOR SECRETARY SCHLESINGER FROM AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN

DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS TO SECRETARY SCHLESINGER

C O R R E C T E D C O P Y FOR CCN LINE 2 PARA 1.

(I MADE IN THE FIRST COMMITTEE VICE I MADE IN THE THIRD COMMITTEE)

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SUBJECT: KOREAN RESOLUTIONS

1. I THINK YOU WILL WANT TO SEE THE IMPROMPTU STATEMENT
I MADE IN THE FIRST COMMITTEE FOLLOWING A REPEATED
SOVIET PROMOUNCEMENT THAT ONLY ONE IMPERIALIST POWER
WAS TO BE FOUND IN KOREA.

2. QUOTE

STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR DANIEL P. MOYNIHAN, UNITED STATES
REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED NATIONS, IN COMMITTEE ONE, ON
KOREA, OCTOBER 29, 1975.

MR CHAIRMAN, I RISE TO SPEAK BRIEFLY TO A SINGLE POINT
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WHICH WAS RAISED BY MY DISTINGUISHED COLLEAGUE FROM THE

SOVIET UNION WITH RESPECT TO THE FACT THAT THERE ARE INDEED AMERICAN TROOPS IN THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA. THESE TROOPS ARE THERE UNDER A MUTUAL DEFENSE AGREEMENT SIGNED BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND THE UNITED STATES. THERE ARE ALSO, AND THIS IS THE SUBJECT OF OUR DISCUSSION, SOME 300 TROOPS 300 MEN, THERE UNDER THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND. IT HAS BEEN THE INTENTION OF THE UNITED STATES AND NOW HOPEFULLY OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN A RESOLUTION WE HAVE JUST PASSED THAT THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND WILL NOW BE DISSOLVED. THIS IS OUR DESIRE. IT IS EVIDENTALLY THE DESIRE ALSO OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND WE WELCOME THAT. I BELIEVE THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA DOES THE SAME, AS DO THOSE STATES THAT VOTED WITH US ON THIS OCCASION.

I WOULD SIMPLY, HOWEVER, WISH TO REMIND THIS ROOM, AND THE MEMBERS HERE REPRESENTED, OF THE FACTS WHICH LED TO THE PRESENCE OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND IN THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND OF THE AMERICAN FORCES WHICH ARE ALSO THERE. IT IS THE CASE THAT ALMOST TWO-THIRDS OF THE MEMBERS HERE TONIGHT WERE NOT MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS WHEN THOSE EVENTS OCCURRED, SUCH THAT IT MAY NOT BE ALTOGETHER INAPPROPRIATE FOR ME TO REMIND THEM OR RECALL TO THEM WHO MAY HAVE FORGOTTEN, TO INFORM THOSE WHO MAY NOT NOW EVEN KNOW HOW THIS HAPPENED.

THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND OF WHICH THE UNITED STATES WAS PART--OF WHICH 16 MEMBER STATES OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONTRIBUTED FORCES ALTOGETHER--THAT COMMAND AROSE IN THE AFTERMATH OF A SUDDEN, BRUTAL, CALCULATED INVASION OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA BY ITS NEIGHBOR TO THE NORTH, AN ACT OF AGGRESSION PLAIN, UNMISTAKEN, UNCHALLENGED BY WORLD OPINION AT THE TIME. THE FORCES OF ONE COUNTRY BRUTALLY INVADED ANOTHER NATION, AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN ONE OF THE GENUINELY HONORABLE ACTS IN DEFENSE OF THE CHARTER AND IN PURSUIT OF THE RESPONSIBILITIES EACH NATION UNDERTAKES WHEN IT BECOMES A MEMBER OF THE UNITED NATIONS, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY CALLED THIS AGGRESSION AND CALLED UPON THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD TO COME TO SUPPORT THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA WHICH HAD BEEN INVADED. SIXTEEN NATIONS RESPONDED, THE INVADERS WERE THROWN BACK, THE STATUS QUO ANTE WAS RESTORED, A FACT CLEAR TO HISTORY. IN THE LONG HISTORY OF THE WORLD RARELY HAS AN AGGRESSION BEEN SO NAKED, SO UNAMBIGUOUS, SO CLEAR FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ALL THE OPINION OF THE WORLD TO SEE AND IT WAS TO THE HONOR OF THE UNITED NATIONS REBUFFED. IT FAILED.

IN ORDER THAT THIS SHOULD NOT RECUR, A COMMAND WAS ESTABLISHED ON THE ARMISTICE LINE. THAT COMMAND CONTINUES ALMOST A QUARTER CENTURY LATER. IT WAS NOT THE DESIRE OF THE UNITED STATES TO BE IN SOUTH KOREA. IT IS NOT THE DESIRE OF THE UNITED STATES TO BE IN SOUTH KOREA. BUT LET NO ONE

SUPPOSE WE ARE EMBARRASSED BY OUR PRESENCE OR APOLOGETIC ABOUT
IT. WE WERE THERE IN DEFENSE OF THE PRINCIPLES OF INDEPENDENCE
AND THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF A STATE, THE PROTECTION
OF WHICH IS THE FUNDAMENTAL PURPOSE OF THIS BODY.

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